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SERIOUS BLUNDER TO DEFEAT PARKS

Says Alderman W. T. Miller
At The Meeting.

Hon. Hal Corbett Says No Question
of Advancement of City's
Advancement.

CROSS ONE BRIDGE AT TIME.

To illustrate the financial advantage to the city of investing \$100,000 in parks now, Alderman Miller read before last night's open meeting of citizens at the court house discussing the park bond issue and water contract, a communication from a local real estate man saying that he has such confidence in the growth of the city, that he would make this proposition:

If the city would spend the \$100,000 on parks now and agree to give him half interest in the investment, he would guarantee to pay back the \$100,000 with interest at the end of 20 years, so that the city would be getting a park system, half the size contemplated, right now, and ultimately at no cost to itself.

While Alderman Miller did not recommend taking up such a proposition, he brought it in merely to show that it would be a serious financial blunder for the city to let pass this opportunity to make so good an investment as a park system would be.

Mr. Luke Palmer presided over last night's meeting, and W. B. Walters acted as secretary. Dr. D. G. Murrell, Alderman W. T. Miller, Alderman Earl Palmer and Hon. Hal Corbett spoke.

Dr. Murrell told how the stranger in the city looked upon parks. It is the only lounging place except his hotel room he can find, where he will be welcome and at the same time be able to observe life around him.

Alderman Miller traced the history of the park legislation from its inception to the passage of the act by the state legislature. He said the death rate in Paducah steadily has been lowered by sewers, good water and good streets, and that a system of parks will further reduce the rate.

Views on all sides of the question were invited but the audience evidently was for the two propositions.

Alderman Palmer explained how the water rate for private hydrants is fixed in the city. He said the rates of five large cities which own their own water works, are added together and then divided by the number of cities. The average gotten is the rate charged local consumers. If the municipally operated plant furnishes water more cheaply, then to take the average of five large plants municipally operated will give Paducah a low rate—the present rate.

Hon. Hal Corbett urged the citizens to work for the two propositions because there is no question about the advisability of the park system or the water contract, but it is a question whether the city is sufficiently advanced in its ideas to want parks and a good contract. He said we should get the parks now and that municipal ownership is a bridge we may cross when we get to it.

FAST CORPORATION IS PLANNED

Capitalization of \$175,000,000 Is Involved in Big Merger.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—As a result of a series of negotiations being held here terms for the leasing of the Cincinnati, Covington and Newport Light and Traction company practically have been agreed upon, and that property probably soon will pass into the control of the Columbian company, a holding corporation formed under the laws of West Virginia. This company, which will have a capital of \$75,000,000, also will purchase the control of the Union Gas and Electric company of Cincinnati, the two Cleveland Gas and Electric properties, and own outright many thousands of acres of oil and natural gas bearing lands in West Virginia and a pipe line to this city. The aggregate capitalization of the subsidiary companies will amount to between \$100,000,000 and \$175,000,000.

BISHOP COSGROVE NEAR DEATH.

Head of Davenport, Iowa, Diocese of Roman Catholic Church Sinking.

Davenport, Iowa, Nov. 3.—At the All Saints' day masses in the Roman Catholic churches here today prayers were asked for Bishop Henry Cosgrove, whose death is expected hourly. Bishop Cosgrove has been at the head of the Davenport diocese since 1884, but has been confined to his bed for several months, showing wonderful vitality in keeping a faint hold upon life. A year or so ago Rt. Rev. James Davis, of Davenport, was appointed coadjutor bishop and took up the administration of diocesan affairs. He will be the bishop's successor.

CHILDREN'S O. K. ON TILLMAN.

Polite as Can Be Expected of Southern Gentleman, Say Pupils.

St. Louis, Nov. 3.—Senator Tillman is one of the speakers engaged for a lecture course arranged by a committee of boys and girls of the East St. Louis High school. In a prospectus the children, in the following words, assure the public that it will be safe to attend Senator Tillman's lecture: "Mr. Tillman is regarded by the public generally as eccentric, radical and even coarse and violent in speech, whence the name 'Pitchfork.' But we have been assured that his language before a mixed audience is as polished and free from offense as might be expected from a typical southern gentleman."

THREE FIRES

KEEP FIREMEN BUSY, BUT TOTAL LOSS IS SMALL.

O'Bryan's Grocery Stock Is Damaged to the Extent of \$600—Clothes on Line.

A grocery store belonging to J. D. O'Bryan, Kinkaid avenue and Bridge street, Mechanicsburg, partly burned this morning with a loss of \$600, partly covered by insurance.

The fire originated from a defective flue and the roof was burned off. Companies Nos. 2 and 4 answered the alarm at 8:30 o'clock. Their quick work saved the building. The stock of goods was damaged by water and no insurance is carried on the stock. The building, a one-story frame, was fully insured.

At 7 o'clock last night the Nos. 1 and 3 companies were called to the M. Kahn residence Ninth and Monroe streets. The stable caught from an unknown cause and was almost destroyed before the firemen were summoned. The damage is slight.

At 6 o'clock this morning companies Nos. 1, 3 and 4 were called to 1102 Jefferson street. Clothes hanging near a kitchen stove ignited. No damage was done.

Preparing Cruisers.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.—The United States cruisers Tennessee and Washington, which are to act as convoys to President Roosevelt on his visit to Colon, Panama, sailed from the League Island navy yard today for Hampton Roads. Each cruiser carried a full crew and about ninety marines. At Hampton Roads the cruisers will join the battleship Louisiana, upon which President Roosevelt sails.

BROTHERS

TAKE BODY OF JOHN MURRAY WHO FELL UNDER TRAIN.

Was in Paducah Until Late Thursday Night and Left Perfectly Sober.

The body of John Murray, the piano player who fell down in front of a freight train at Clark's Station, four miles east of Paducah, Thursday night, was prepared for burial and turned over to his brothers yesterday afternoon. The body will be taken to Mayfield this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Murray was well known in Paducah and made frequent trips to the city. He was in Moore Whitaker's saloon at the Illinois Central depot, Thursday night, and slept in a chair from 8 until 11:30 o'clock. Mr. Whitaker was on watch and remembers Murray coming in. It is presumed that he went straight out the railroad track from the saloon. He was sober, not having had a drink from the time he entered until he left the saloon.

Last evening Fred Roth, deputy coroner, held an inquest into the death of John Murray and the verdict was that the man came to his death by accident.

Postal Appointments.

Postmasters appointed: Beaumont, Metcalfe county, Perly Harvey; Childers, Pike county, Hazelton H. Stallard; Livingston, Pendleton county, John Hays; Ragland, McCracken county, William H. Covington; Rex, Hart county, J. M. Brooks; Sunny-side, Warren county, John O. Haynes.

It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates—"High Water" days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3939.

POINT TO HUGHES TO WIN TUESDAY

Indications Are All Favorable
To His Election.

Hearst Has Big Following and May
Surprise Knowing Ones But
Not Probably.

BRYAN IS OUT FOR HEARST

New York, Nov. 3.—Election chances in the Empire state favor Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee. This is the best prediction that can be made today, based upon all indications that can be gauged. It is, however, by no means certain. Hearst is a quantity that must be reckoned with, but on the face of things Hughes has the best of it.

Echoes of yesterday's developments in the political situation in this state were heard on every side today in the comments of political leaders on the Richard Croker interview and the speech of Secretary Root at Utica last night.

Fresh interest was aroused by the publication of a letter from Wm. J. Bryan to Bird S. Coler, borough president of Brooklyn, in which the writer expressed the hope that all Democrats would support W. R. Hearst for governor.

PLAN BIG FUND FOR MISSIONS.

Convention of Methodist Bishops to
Appropriate \$1,500,000.

Buffalo, Nov. 3.—Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church from all parts of the civilized world met here this morning with the ministers and laymen constituting the general missionary committee of the church. One of the most important actions will be the appropriation of \$1,500,000 for missionary work. The report of the treasurer, Dr. Homan Eaton, of New York, showed cash receipts for the year just ended to be \$1,695,859, an increase over the previous year of \$112,644. The balance in the treasury is \$12,444. In the foreign fields are thirty-three conferences and missions, 561 missionaries, 2,800 native preachers, 248,378 church members and 260,552 Sunday school scholars.

CHAUFFEUR GUILTY AS SLAYER

Man Who Ran Down Pedestrian Convicted of Manslaughter.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.—Frank Le Fleur, a chauffeur, whose automobile ran down and killed a pedestrian on Old York road, was convicted of manslaughter in the criminal court here today. The jury recommended Le Fleur to the mercy of the court. He will be sentenced.

SHAM INITIATION

WILL BE HELD FOR AMUSEMENT
OF KNIGHTS AND LADIES.

Knights of Pythias Expect to Organize
Rathbone Stages in Paducah in Few Months.

Woman's conception of lodge life will be acted in reality next Wednesday evening by the Knights of Pythias in an open meeting for their wives, mothers and daughters. The Knights will go through a farce performance of their lodge duties, after the manner women think they are done. The harassed lodge member will show his wife the way she thinks things are done, and thus try to persuade her into a rational view of his nightly absences. It will be a funny-bone meeting. Monday night the regular meeting night, initiatory exercises in the first and third degrees will be carried out. The lodge expects to organize in the next three months, the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, the Rathbone Sisters.

Pig iron prices continue to move upward, advances ranging \$1 and \$2 per ton on goods purchased for 1907 delivery. The demand for prompt supplies, which appear to be growing scarcer, is more insistent.

TO VOTERS OF PADUCAH.

Information has just reached me that a report is in circulation representing that if elected to the office of city judge, for which I have been nominated by the Republican party, at the ensuing election, I will decline to accept or hold the office. This is equivalent to saying, that in running for the office I am deliberately deceiving the public. I wish to say now, that if elected, I shall hold the office and discharge its duties faithfully and impartially for the full term. EMMET W. BAGBY.

CLEARINGS GROW STEADILY BIGGER

Many Merchants Are Getting
In Christmas Lines.

Drummers Are Coming in Droves
With Novelties—Little Other
Unusual Activity.

REHKOPF CASE OF INTEREST

Clearings this week. \$707,077
Same week last year. 639,959
Increase \$77,118

The bank clearings this week again maintain the sharp increase over the same week last year which has been maintained throughout the fall. Many traveling men with holiday lines have been in the city this week and the merchants are making preparations actively for the Christmas trade. As yet these preparations have not extended to showing the strictly holiday goods.

Otherwise the week has been unmarked but the demand for labor is no less strong and building and reconstruction operations over the city are undiminished.

The first real crossing of swords in the E. Rehkopf Saddlery company assignment took place this week in the filing of claims and the exceptions thereto. As indicated at first, the case promises to be the biggest legal battle in the history of the city.

Bradstreet's Weekly Report.

New York, Nov. 3.—The clear and colder weather has improved the retail trade and stimulated business greatly, resulting in a record October trade with jobbers, beside helping the coal and kindred lines. Industry is active, labor scarcity is still a feature, iron and steel markets are advancing and large imports are the only apparent source of relief. Cotton goods are a trifle quieter, but are very firm because of the scarcity of the supply while woolen goods has been stimulated by good reports as to the retail sales of heavy clothing. Spring business is of good volume as a whole and hosiery men are taking orders for next fall. The shoe trade has been rather backward and the fall and winter trade, as expected, has not been equal to last year. The only really hurtful development, itself an outgrowth of superabundant prosperity, is the growing tension as regards transportation facilities. Collections are irregular, southern payments being better, while grain blockades interfere with western and northwest receipts.

BLACK TYPE

FOR HAYS' NAME, LIGHT FACE
FOR HAGER'S.

Cry of Discrimination Comes From
Latter's Friends at
Benton.

From Benton comes a cry of treachery on account of Democratic state primary ballot. Hager's friends are aroused over what seems to be favoritism toward Hays. The official ballot has Hays' name printed in bold black type, while Hager's name is in light face type, giving what Hager's friends assert is an intentional advantage to Hays.

Beckham men are making speeches over the county closing the active canvass before the primary. They are confident of carrying McCracken county, but they are anxious to win by a big majority in their stronghold.

ANNUAL MESSAGE BEING PREPARED

President Will Dwell Strongly
On Inheritance Tax.

Centralization for Benefit of Producers and Consumers One of His Beliefs.

SOME RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—President Roosevelt has practically finished the preparation of his annual message, which will go to congress next month. He has yet to add a few paragraphs dealing with the recent Japanese situation, which he will insert after the return of Secretary Metcalf from the Pacific coast, and an observation or two regarding Panama. This early conclusion of his yearly task was made necessary by his forth coming trip in the isthmus.

The president's convictions as to the necessity of an inheritance tax has grown stronger every day since he first broached the subject, several years ago, and he will now take a more advanced stand than he has heretofore advocated.

Is in Government Control.

The president's belief in the wisdom of centralization has become strong. He is of the opinion that the federal government should have supervision not only over all the lines of transportation and communication, but over the corporations controlling all the necessities of life. He believes that a speedy acceptance of this doctrine by the great corporations themselves will save them untold trouble and possibly annihilation in the future.

The Railroads.

In his message the president will again pay his respects to the railroads and will urge additional legislation to re-enforce the rate law passed last winter. The law, as passed is all right as far as it goes, the president believes, but it should be strengthened here and there.

The president will again urge the early passage of the Santo Domingo treaty. Recurrence of revolutionary conditions on the island since congress adjourned last summer will be cited by the executive as striking evidence of the imperative need for the treaty's passage.

The need for a more elastic currency will be dwelt upon in the message and congress will be asked to fashion the remedy. Secretary Shaw's plan to authorize the issue by national banks of additional government guaranteed currency, equal in amount to 50 per cent of their present bond secured currency, will be suggested by the president as a possible solution of the problem, but he will ask that the finance committee of congress work out the puzzle to their own satisfaction.

\$3,000,000

SWINDLING PROFITS OF THIS
KING OF CROOKS.

Charles Norton Arrested in Chicago
With Securities Good and Bad
in His Possession.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Charles Whittier Norton, said by the police and the federal authorities to be responsible for extensive swindling operations, is in jail here and will be arraigned tomorrow before a federal commissioner. It is claimed that Norton has defrauded people in all parts of the United States out of bonds and securities amounting to \$3,000,000.

He was first taken into custody by the police three days ago, and they held him without preferring any charge against him until a search could be made for securities said to be held by him, aggregating in value about \$3,000,000.

In his room were found bonds, stocks, abstracts of land titles, first mortgages and other negotiable paper, the greater part of which is thought to be genuine and worth almost \$2,000,000. Other papers were found valued on their face at about \$1,000,000 more, but their value is doubtful. It is claimed that Norton by selling and trading these securities has made many thousands of dollars. The postal authorities declare that they have been searching for Norton since January, 1905, when he disappeared from Detroit, Mich., ostensibly to go to London, England.

Hurt His Eye.

While striking a match to light his cigar yesterday, Dr. W. J. Bass, city physician, had his left eye seriously injured by part of the phosphorus flying into it.

BISHOP WEBB TO BE 'THRONED'

Ceremony Will Take Place at Milwaukee Next Month.

Milwaukee, Nov. 3.—Bishop Webb, coadjutor bishop of the Milwaukee diocese, who will succeed the late Bishop Nicholson, will be enthroned some time next month. This is the only ceremony accompanying Bishop Webb's assuming the full authority of bishop of the diocese. The bishop will be enthroned by Canon C. B. Wright, and some bishop from outside will be selected by Bishop Webb to preach the sermon. Bishop Webb will maintain his present residence at Nashotah during the winter and will not occupy the bishop's residence here until some time next spring.

AT MARKET HOUSE

PARK BOND ISSUE PROPOSITION
WILL BE DISCUSSED.

Hon. Hal Corbett and Park Commissioners Will Speak on Subject to Voters.

Members of the board of park commissioners and Hon. Hal Corbett will speak at the market house tonight on the park bond issue. Every voter is invited to attend, ask any question he desires, or discuss the proposition with the speakers. Every one desiring information will be courteously answered. Every one desiring to be heard will be accorded an opportunity to speak. This is the last opportunity to hear the bond issue proposition explained by the commissioners, who originated the plan.

Miss Marie Burton, of Colorado Springs, Col., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Boyd, of North Fifth street.

E. H. McElvane and J. C. Bell, machinists at the Illinois Central shops, will go today to Denison, Tex., to locate.

Famous Terrorist.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—Gerschunin, one of the most famous terrorists and head of their fighting organization during the Iplaguine and Ploche regimes, has escaped from Siberia, concealed in a water cask. His disappearance is a serious menace to personages whose lives the terrorists are now seeking, as he is a skilled organizer and one of the most remarkable men the revolution has produced.

COUNTY BANK

MERGED INTO FIRST STATE
BANK OF SMITHLAND.

Deal Closed Yesterday by Which the
Two Livingston County Institutions Combine.

The First State bank, of Smithland, has purchased the Livingston County bank, the deal becoming effective the first of the year. The county bank is capitalized at \$15,000 and organized in 1900. David A. Dunn is president, Charles O. Lowry cashier and J. F. Abell assistant cashier. Officers of the First State bank are David Adams, president, Fred La Rue, vice president; S. P. Berry, cashier. The consideration was \$140 per share and the First State bank will move to the quarters of the Livingston county bank the first of the year.

SIFT BLAME FOR TRAIN WRECK.

Jurors Begin Inquest Into Atlantic City Bridge Disaster.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 3.—The coroner's inquest into the fatal electric train wreck Sunday was begun here today and although a large number of witnesses were examined no evidence was brought out indicating the cause of the disaster. Pennsylvania railroad officials declared they were in the dark. The bridge tender and trowman said the drawbridge and track were in perfect condition.

The body of H. N. Burch, another victim of the disaster, was recovered from the mud near the scene of the wreck today.

WEATHER — Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Warmer in northeastern portion tonight. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 70 and the lowest today was 43.

FARTHEST NORTH ARE PEARY'S MEN

Reached 87 Degrees And 6
Minutes of Latitude.

Word Received From Hopedale, Labrador, by Peary Arctic Club in New York.

VOYAGE IN THE ROOSEVELT

New York, Nov. 3.—The United States holds the record for furthest north—87 degrees 6 minutes. This feat was accomplished by Commander Peary of the United States navy. Peary failed to reach the pole as he had confidently hoped to do with his specially constructed vessel, The Roosevelt, but he penetrated nearer to the pole than the Duke Abruzzi expedition, which held the Arctic record, 86 degrees 34 minutes. What Peary did and his experiences during the past year in the frozen north are briefly but vividly summarized in a communication received here last night by Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club. This communication was as follows:

The Message.

Hopedale, Labrador, via Twillingate, N. E. Nov. 2.—The Roosevelt wintered on the north coast of Grant land somewhat north of the Albert winter quarters.

Went north with sledges via Heckla and Columbia. Was delayed by the open water between 84 and 85 degrees. Beyond 85 for six days. A gale disrupted the ice, destroyed caches, cut off communication with supporting bodies and drifted due east. Reached 87 degrees 6 minutes, north latitude, over ice drifting steadily eastward. Returning at eight dogs. Drifted eastward, delayed by open water, reached the north coast of Greenland in straightened conditions. Killed musk oxen and returned along the Greenland coast to ship. Two supporting parties were driven on the north coast of Greenland. One was rescued by me in a starving condition. After one week of recuperation on the Roosevelt, we sledged west, completing the north coast of Grantland and reached other land near the 100th meridian. Homeward voyage was an incessant battle with ice, storms and headwinds. The Roosevelt is a magnificent ice fighter and seaboat. No deaths or illness in the expedition.

(Signed) PEARY.

After furnishing the Associated Press with the contents of Peary's report, Bridgman said the receipt of any news from the explorer now was quite a surprise to him, because he had supposed it had become too late in the season for Peary to send news of his venture. Bridgman added that the message spoke for itself and that since he did not know more of the results of Peary's effort to reach the pole than the public did he could hardly comment upon the dispatch. There was little doubt however, he said, that Peary was coming home. Hopedale or Hottentot is a Moravian mission station on the east coast of Labrador. Twillingate is a port on the east coast of Newfoundland. Bridgman said the message was probably mailed by Peary from Hopedale to the most accessible cable point.

Peary's polar steamship The Roosevelt, left New York July 15, 1905, with a crew of 20 men under Captain Bartlett. Peary joined the ship at Sydney, July 26. Next heard from at Domino, Labrador, July 29, from which point she crossed to Greenland and was next heard from at Etah, North Greenland, August 16. At Etah the Roosevelt took on board a supply of coal, 23 Esquimaux and about 200 dogs.

FIRST CHURCH

Damaged \$100,000 and Fireman Fatally Injured.

Boston, Nov. 3.—The church and parish house of the first American church was almost destroyed by fire today. Fire Lieutenant Seldon was probably fatally injured by falling walls and Hoseman McDonald received serious injuries. The damage to the structure is estimated at \$100,000. The church is one of the best in the city.

PUPILS ESCAPE SCHOOL CRASH
As Children and Teachers Gain Street Building Collapses.

Connellsville, Pa., Nov. 3.—Just as the teachers and pupils of the Gallatin Public School, Springhill township, left the building today, the structure collapsed. The last teacher was locking the front door when the schoolhouse was in ruins. It was a temporary structure in use pending the completion of a brick building.